

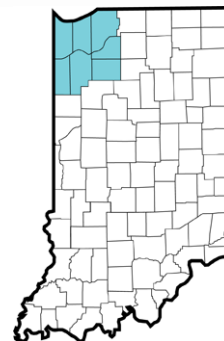


# Economic Growth Region 1

Statistical Data Report for August 2011, Released October 2011

## Regional and State Unemployment (seasonally adjusted)

Regional and state unemployment rates were generally little changed in August. Twenty-six states and the District of Columbia reported unemployment rate increases, 12 states recorded rate decreases, and 12 states had no rate change, the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics reported. Thirty-seven states registered unemployment rate decreases from a year earlier, 11 states and the District of Columbia had increases, and two states experienced no change. The national jobless rate was unchanged at 9.1 percent but was 0.5 percentage point lower than a year earlier.



## Economic Growth Region (EGR) 1

Lake, Porter, LaPorte, Newton, Jasper, Starke and Pulaski Counties.

August 2011 Labor Force Estimates (not seasonally adjusted)						
Area	Labor Force	Employed	Unemployed	Aug 2011 Rate	Jul 2011 Rate	Aug 2010 Rate
U.S.	154,344,000	140,335,000	14,008,000	9.1%	9.3%	9.5%
IN	3,144,654	2,870,752	273,902	8.7%	8.6%	10.0%
Gary Metro Div	320,198	290,536	29,662	9.3%	9.0%	10.1%
MichCity-LaP MSA	51,263	46,246	5,017	9.8%	9.6%	11.4%
EGR 1	388,707	352,457	36,250	9.3%	9.1%	10.3%
Lake County	218,313	196,599	21,714	9.9%	9.6%	10.7%
Porter County	80,519	74,314	6,205	7.7%	7.5%	8.6%
LaPorte County	51,263	46,246	5,017	9.8%	9.6%	11.4%
Newton County	6,455	5,908	547	8.5%	8.0%	8.9%
Jasper County	14,910	13,715	1,195	8.0%	8.0%	9.2%
Starke County	10,496	9,415	1,081	10.3%	10.4%	12.2%
Pulaski County	6,751	6,260	491	7.3%	7.3%	8.8%
Gary	34,874	29,846	5,028	14.4%	13.6%	13.2%
Hammond	31,659	28,459	3,200	10.1%	9.9%	12.3%
East Chicago	10,157	8,579	1,578	15.5%	14.8%	15.7%
Hobart	13,334	12,016	1,318	9.9%	9.6%	10.4%
Merrillville	16,593	14,922	1,671	10.1%	9.6%	10.2%
Michigan City	14,196	12,591	1,605	11.3%	10.9%	11.7%
Portage	17,864	16,198	1,666	9.3%	8.9%	10.2%
Schererville	15,061	14,024	1,037	6.9%	6.7%	7.9%
Valparaiso	15,117	13,987	1,130	7.5%	7.3%	8.4%
Crown Point	11,677	10,649	1,028	8.8%	8.6%	9.9%
LaPorte City	9,976	9,075	901	9.0%	9.3%	11.5%

## Unemployment Rates by State, August 2011

(seasonally adjusted)

U.S. - 9.1%

Illinois - 9.9%

Indiana - 8.7%

Kentucky - 9.5%

Michigan - 11.2%

Ohio - 9.1%

Source: U.S. Department of Labor, U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics

## Unemployment Rank by County, August 2011

(high to low)

#15 - Starke (10.3%)

#21 - Lake (9.9%)

#24 - LaPorte (9.8%)

#47 - Newton (8.5%)

#60 - Jasper (8.0%)

#68 - Porter (7.7%)

#78 - Pulaski (7.3%)

Source: Indiana Dept. of Workforce Development, Research and Analysis, Local Area Unemployment Statistics

## Consumer Price Index (CPI-U Change), Unadjusted Percent Change to August 2011 from:

CPI Item	Aug-10	Jul-11	Aug-10	Jul-11
	Midwest Region*		U.S. City	
<b>All Items</b>	<b>3.8%</b>	<b>0.2%</b>	<b>3.8%</b>	<b>0.3%</b>
Food & Beverages	4.4%	0.8%	4.4%	0.5%
Housing	1.3%	0.1%	1.6%	0.1%
Apparel	3.6%	1.9%	4.2%	2.3%
Transportation	12.5%	-0.3%	11.7%	0.0%
Medical Care	3.1%	0.1%	3.2%	0.1%
Recreation	-0.6%	-0.7%	0.1%	0.1%
Education & Communication	0.7%	1.1%	1.1%	0.9%
Other Goods & Services	1.2%	0.0%	0.9%	0.1%

\*Midwest region = Midwest Urban Average. Midwest Region includes Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, North Dakota, Ohio, South Dakota and Wisconsin  
Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics

## Unemployment Claims, August 2011

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#### Initial Claims

Aug 6, 2011 – 543  
Aug 13, 2011 – 534  
Aug 20, 2011 – 544  
Aug 27, 2011 – 477

#### Continued Claims

Aug 6, 2011 – 6,315  
Aug 13, 2011 – 6,266  
Aug 20, 2011 – 6,237  
Aug 27, 2011 – 6,002

#### Total Claims

Aug 6, 2011 – 6,858  
Aug 13, 2011 – 6,800  
Aug 20, 2011 – 6,781  
Aug 27, 2011 – 6,479

### State of Indiana

#### Initial Claims

Aug 6, 2011 – 4,467  
Aug 13, 2011 – 4,697  
Aug 20, 2011 – 4,525  
Aug 27, 2011 – 4,216

#### Continued Claims

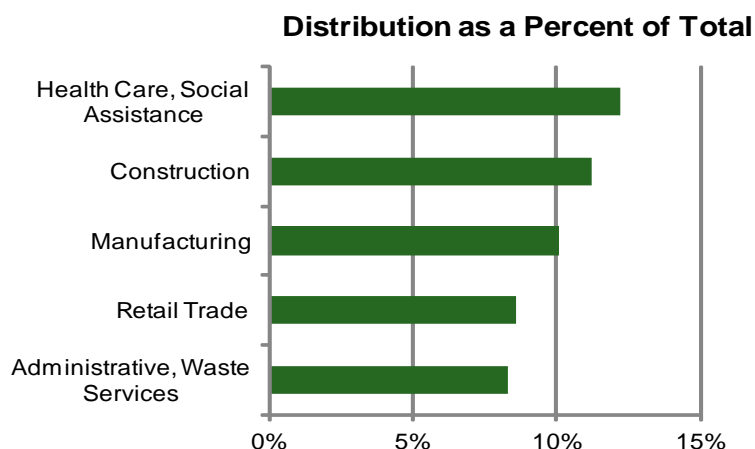
Aug 6, 2011 – 56,416  
Aug 13, 2011 – 53,947  
Aug 20, 2011 – 53,444  
Aug 27, 2011 – 52,298

#### Total Claims

Aug 6, 2011 – 60,883  
Aug 13, 2011 – 58,644  
Aug 20, 2011 – 57,969  
Aug 27, 2011 – 56,514

Source: Indiana Department of Workforce Development, Research and Analysis, UI Statistics

## Percentage of Unemployment Claims for Top 5 Region 1 Industries, August 2011



Source: Indiana Department of Workforce Development, Research and Analysis, UI Statistics

## WARN Notices

**There are no WARN notices for August 2011 in EGR 1.**

For information on WARN Act requirements, you may go to the U.S. Department of Labor Employment Training Administration Fact Sheet:

<http://www.doleta.gov/programs/factsht/warn.htm>

Gary Metropolitan Division Wage and Salaried Employment, August 2011							
				Number Change	Percent Change	Number Change	Percent Change
Industry	Aug-11	Jul-11	Aug-10	Jul-11 to Aug-11		Aug-10 to Aug-11	
<b>TOTAL NONFARM EMPLOYMENT</b>	<b>256,300</b>	<b>255,000</b>	<b>261,600</b>	<b>1,300</b>	<b>0.5%</b>	<b>-5,300</b>	<b>-2.0%</b>
<b>Total Private Employment</b>	<b>222,600</b>	<b>222,600</b>	<b>227,200</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0.0%</b>	<b>-4,600</b>	<b>-2.0%</b>
<b>GOODS PRODUCING</b>	<b>49,700</b>	<b>50,000</b>	<b>51,900</b>	<b>-300</b>	<b>-0.6%</b>	<b>-2,200</b>	<b>-4.2%</b>
---Mining & Logging	300	300	300	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
---Construction	17,300	17,000	17,600	300	1.8%	-300	-1.7%
---Manufacturing	32,100	32,700	34,000	-600	-1.8%	-1,900	-5.6%
Durable Goods	24,900	25,400	26,200	-500	-2.0%	-1,300	-5.0%
Primary Metal Mfg	16,100	16,400	17,400	-300	-1.8%	-1,300	-7.5%
Iron and Steel Mills	14,100	14,300	15,900	-200	-1.4%	-1,800	-11.3%
<b>SERVICE PROVIDING</b>	<b>206,600</b>	<b>205,000</b>	<b>209,700</b>	<b>1,600</b>	<b>0.8%</b>	<b>-3,100</b>	<b>-1.5%</b>
Private Service Providing	172,900	172,600	175,300	300	0.2%	-2,400	-1.4%
---Trade, Transp, & Utilities	53,400	53,400	54,800	0	0.0%	-1,400	-2.6%
Wholesale Trade	8,600	8,600	8,900	0	0.0%	-300	-3.4%
Retail Trade	31,500	31,600	32,600	-100	-0.3%	-1,100	-3.4%
Gen Merch Stores	5,900	5,900	6,500	0	0.0%	-600	-9.2%
Other Gen Merch Stores	3,200	3,200	3,300	0	0.0%	-100	-3.0%
Transp/Warehousing/Utils	13,300	13,200	13,300	100	0.8%	0	0.0%
---Information	2,100	2,100	2,200	0	0.0%	-100	-4.6%
---Financial Activities	8,400	8,500	8,800	-100	-1.2%	-400	-4.6%
---Professional & Business	20,200	20,100	20,500	100	0.5%	-300	-1.5%
Employment Services	3,100	2,900	3,000	200	6.9%	100	3.3%
---Educational & Health	46,600	46,300	45,900	300	0.7%	700	1.5%
Educational Services	6,800	6,600	5,600	200	3.0%	1,200	21.4%
Health Care/Social Assist.	39,800	39,700	40,300	100	0.3%	-500	-1.2%
Med/Surgical Hospitals	12,800	12,800	13,100	0	0.0%	-300	-2.3%
---Leisure & Hospitality	30,600	30,600	30,900	0	0.0%	-300	-1.0%
Arts/Entertnmt/Recn	7,100	7,100	7,400	0	0.0%	-300	-4.1%
Food Svcs/Drinkng Plcs	21,700	21,600	22,000	100	0.5%	-300	-1.4%
---Other Services	11,600	11,600	12,200	0	0.0%	-600	-4.9%
Government	33,700	32,400	34,400	1,300	4.0%	-700	-2.0%
---Federal Government	2,000	2,100	2,200	-100	-4.8%	-200	-9.1%
---State Government	3,800	3,500	4,200	300	8.6%	-400	-9.5%
---Local Government	27,900	26,800	28,000	1,100	4.1%	-100	-0.4%
Local Govt Educ Svcs	14,200	12,900	16,600	1300	10.1%	-2400	-14.5%

Source: Indiana Workforce Development, Research and Analysis, Current Employment Statistics

## Applicant Pool

### Top 20 Occupations Desired by Active Applicants on Their Resumes in the Past 12 Months

- 1 Laborers and Freight, Stock, and Material Movers, Hand - 1208
- 2 Assemblers and Fabricators, All Other - 1026
- 3 Customer Service Representatives - 993
- 4 Production Workers, All Other - 816
- 5 Helpers--Production Workers - 799
- 6 Cashiers - 658
- 7 Office Clerks, General - 470
- 8 Executive Secretaries and Administrative Assistants - 445
- 9 Construction Laborers - 433
- 10 Structural Iron and Steel Workers - 423
- 11 Administrative Services Managers - 378
- 12 Maintenance and Repair Workers, General - 362
- 13 Managers, All Other - 356
- 14 Retail Salespersons - 340
- 15 Nursing Aides, Orderlies, and Attendants - 326
- 16 Stock Clerks- Stockroom, Warehouse, or Storage Yard - 326
- 17 Receptionists and Information Clerks - 299
- 18 Medical Assistants - 259
- 19 Construction and Related Workers, All Other - 256
- 20 Janitors and Cleaners, Except Maids and Housekeeping Cleaners - 253

Source: Indiana Career Connect

Michigan City-LaPorte MSA Wage and Salaried Employment, August 2011						
				Number Change	Percent Change	
Industry	Aug-11	Jul-11	Aug-10	Jul-11 to Aug-11	Aug-10 to Aug-11	
<b>TOTAL NONFARM EMPLOYMENT</b>	<b>43,200</b>	<b>42,200</b>	<b>42,400</b>	<b>1,000</b>	<b>2.4%</b>	<b>800</b>
<b>Total Private Employment</b>	<b>36,400</b>	<b>36,000</b>	<b>36,000</b>	<b>400</b>	<b>1.1%</b>	<b>400</b>
<b>GOODS PRODUCING</b>	<b>9,500</b>	<b>9,500</b>	<b>9,300</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0.0%</b>	<b>200</b>
---Mining, Logging, Constr	2,100	2,000	2,000	100	5.0%	100
---Manufacturing	7,400	7,500	7,300	-100	-1.3%	100
<b>SERVICE PROVIDING</b>	<b>33,700</b>	<b>32,700</b>	<b>33,100</b>	<b>1,000</b>	<b>3.1%</b>	<b>600</b>
Private Service Providing	26,900	26,500	26,700	400	1.5%	200
---Trade, Transp, & Utilities	8,700	8,600	9,000	100	1.2%	-300
Wholesale Trade	1,400	1,300	1,400	100	7.7%	0
Retail Trade	5,600	5,500	5,800	100	1.8%	-200
---Information	400	400	400	0	0.0%	0
---Financial Activities	1,200	1,200	1,200	0	0.0%	0
---Professional & Business	2,900	2,800	2,900	100	3.6%	0
---Educational & Health	6,200	6,100	6,000	100	1.6%	200
---Leisure & Hospitality	5,800	5,700	5,500	100	1.8%	300
---Other Services	1,700	1,700	1,700	0	0.0%	0
Government	6,800	6,200	6,400	600	9.7%	400
---Federal Government	200	200	200	0	0.0%	0
---State Government	2,000	1,900	2,300	100	5.3%	-300
---Local Government	4,600	4,100	3,900	500	12.2%	700
Local Govt Educ Svcs	2,600	2,200	1,900	400	18.2%	700

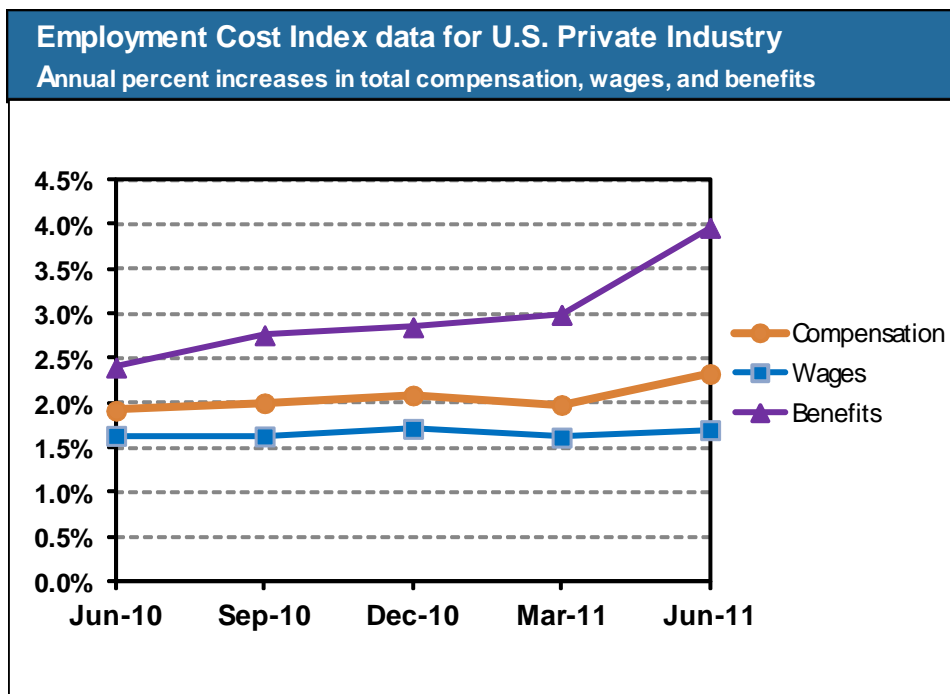
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## Frequently Listed Jobs

Top 20 Job listings by number of openings in Region 1 for the month of August 2011

- 1 Team Assemblers
- 2 Laborers and Freight, Stock, and Material Movers, Hand
- 3 Healthcare Support Workers, All Other
- 4 Helpers--Production Workers
- 5 Truck Drivers, Heavy and Tractor-Trailer
- 6 Personal and Home Care Aides
- 7 Customer Service Representatives
- 8 Retail Salespersons
- 9 Bus Drivers, School
- 10 Automotive Service Technicians and Mechanics
- 11 Nursing Aides, Orderlies, and Attendants
- 12 Registered Nurses
- 13 Maintenance and Repair Workers, General
- 14 Mechanical Engineers
- 15 General and Operations Managers
- 16 Office Clerks, General
- 17 Cleaners of Vehicles and Equipment
- 18 Counselors, All Other
- 19 Environmental Engineering Technicians
- 20 Personal Care and Service Workers, All Other

Source: Indiana Career Connect



Source: Bureau of Labor Statistic, Pay & Benefits & Workplace Injuries

## **Job Openings and Labor Turnover – July 2011**

*(Excerpted from the Bureau of Labor Statistics report released September 2011)*

There were 3.2 million job openings on the last business day of July, the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics has reported. The hires rate (3.0 percent) and separations rate (3.0 percent) were essentially unchanged over the month. This report includes data for the nonfarm sector by industry and by geographic region.

### ***Job Openings***

The number of job openings in July, 3.2 million, was little changed from June. Although the number of job openings remained below the 4.4 million openings when the recession began in December 2007, the level in July was 1.1 million openings higher than in July 2009 (the most recent trough). The number of job openings increased over the month for manufacturing and for the arts, entertainment, and recreation.

The number of job openings in July (not seasonally adjusted) increased over the year for total nonfarm and total private. Eight industries experienced an increase over the year in the number of job openings; the number of job openings decreased for the federal government. The number of job openings rose in the Midwest, South, and West.

### ***Hires***

In July, the hires rate was little changed at 3.0 percent for total nonfarm. The hires rate was also essentially unchanged for all industries and regions. The number of hires in July was 4.0 million, up from 3.6 million in October 2009 (the most recent trough) but below the 5.0 million hires recorded when the recession began in December 2007.

Over the past 12 months, the hires rate (not seasonally adjusted) fell for federal government. The hires rate was essentially unchanged for all other industries and regions.

### ***Separations***

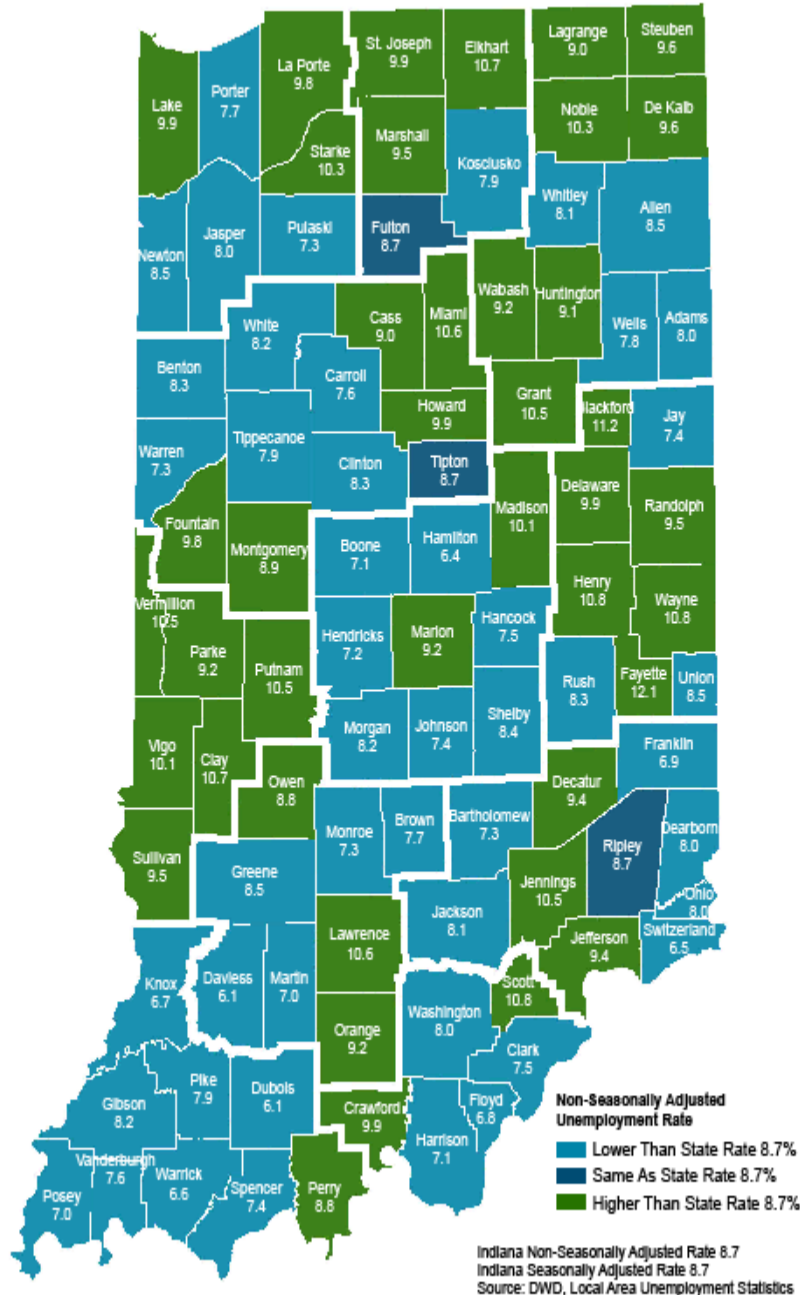
The total separations figure includes voluntary quits, involuntary layoffs and discharges, and other separations, including retirements. "Total separations" is also referred to as turnover.

The seasonally adjusted total separations rate was unchanged in July for total nonfarm (3.0 percent) and government (1.4 percent) and essentially unchanged for total private (3.3 percent). Over the year, the total separations rate (not seasonally adjusted) was essentially unchanged for total nonfarm and total private but decreased for government. The total separations level is influenced by the relative contribution of its three components—quits, layoffs and discharges, and other separations. In July, the proportion of quits for total nonfarm was 50 percent and the proportion of layoffs and discharges was 43 percent.

**F**or the full job openings and labor turnover report in pdf format including data tables click on the BLS Internet link:

[http://www.bls.gov/news.release/archives/jolts\\_09072011.htm](http://www.bls.gov/news.release/archives/jolts_09072011.htm)

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